

**MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**April 10 - 12, 2012**  
**The Sanderling, 1461 Duck Road,**  
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**Tuesday, April 10**

- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.      Executive Committee (Closed Session)**  
*Robins, Anderson, Berg, deFur, King, Morris, Linhard, McMurray, Munden, Pate, Travelstead [Moore]*
- Review and approve advisor nominations
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.      Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee**  
*deFur, McMurray, Berg, Elliott, Linhard, Luisi, Miko, Munden, Schafer, Travelstead, Zeman [Hoff]*
- Deep Sea Coral presentation (NEFMC and SAFMC)
  - Discuss Mid-Atlantic Council action
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.      Public Listening Session**
- BOEM (formerly BOEMRE) and Wind Power

**Wednesday, April 11**

- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.      Executive Committee**  
*Robins, Anderson, Berg, deFur, King, Morris, Linhard, McMurray, Munden, Pate, Travelstead [Moore]*
- Discuss Ecosystem/EBFM document
  - Finalize goals and objectives, purpose and need
  - Discuss transition strategies to move to EBFM
  - SBRM - next steps
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.      RSA Committee**  
*Pate, deFur, Cole, Gilmore, Himchak, Linhard Miko, Nolan, Zeman, O'Shea, [Seagraves]*
- Review response letter from NOAA General Counsel
  - Discuss integration of SSC into RSA research prioritization process
  - Discuss alternatives to improve RSA program and develop recommendations to Council
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.      Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.      Council Convenes**
- 1:00 p.m.      Swearing in of new Council member**

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| <b>1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Surfclam and Ocean Quahog</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss reopening Georges Bank</li> <li>• Identify any harvest restrictions</li> <li>• Discuss PSP testing</li> </ul>  |
| <b>2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Finalize Tilefish Management Measures for 2013-2015</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review SSC and Tilefish Monitoring Committee's recommendations for 2013 - 2015 harvest levels and management measures</li> <li>• Adopt recommendations for 2013 - 2015 harvest levels and management measures</li> </ul> |
| <b>3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</b> | <b>Atlantic Sturgeon</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss potential actions to reduce Atlantic sturgeon bycatch in mid-Atlantic fisheries</li> </ul>   |
- Thursday, April 12**
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| <b>9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>Spiny Dogfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve alternatives for analysis in Amendment 3</li> </ul>   |
| <b>10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.</b> | <b>Framework 5 to Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council action to modify vessel hold certification requirements (Meeting 2)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Framework 6 to Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council action to revise a provision of Council risk policy (Meeting 2)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Business Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of February 2012 minutes</li> </ul><br><b>Organizational Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NMFS Regional Administrator</li> <li>• NMFS NEFSC Director</li> <li>• NOAA Office of General Counsel</li> <li>• Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)</li> <li>• ASMFC Executive Director</li> </ul><br><b>Liaison Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Atlantic Council (March 5-9, 2012, Savannah, GA)</li> </ul><br><b>Executive Director's Report - Dr. Moore</b><br><b>Science Report - Mr. Seagraves</b> |

### **Committee Reports**

- Executive
- SSC
- HMS
- Ecosystem and Ocean Planning
- Surfclam and Ocean Quahog
- Research Set-Aside

### **Continuing and New Business**

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